

**FREMONT OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005**

DRAFT MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

Present: Bill and Noreen Johnson, Jack Karcz, Kenn Jones, Janice O'Brien, Matthew Thomas, Jean Ragonese, Larry & Jessica Lubowsky

7:05 pm Co-Chairperson Janice opened the meeting.

Janice gave us an update on the Glen Oakes Property. The Lawrence family has signed the deed to easement on 25-acre parcel. Final paperwork should be done this week. Janice will notify us. Those who contributed money to the security deposit will have their refunds before January 1, 2006.

Conservation Comm. voted to fund 1/3 of the appraisal of the Smith Brothers property. Smith's 1/3 and Town of Brentwood 1/3. Appraisal will be approximately \$3,000. We will have report from Kevin McManus, appraiser at end of December. This is an 80-acre parcel. Smith property rated by properties comm. at 58

Grants qualify for this land. NH Coastal Watershed Protection is one we would apply to. Other Grants are available but take much time to complete the application.

Two parcels of land that were proposed to us and reviewed by properties committee were not accepted. One landowner has not made any inquiries to our committee since initial conversation with Jack. Other did not qualify.

Janice attended a recent Budget Committee to discuss our committee and plans for 2006 budget. Some members concerned about our future plans so we are inserting a Mission and Procedure format in our policy book. One member was concerned about being able to obtain water on an easement parcel if needed by town. Example: Town Well... That is acceptable and will be written in as well.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding our Bond amount for 2006. Many reasons were given for a 2.5 million request others felt we should propose 1 million. If approved we can secure matching funds to increase the total. This is our 3rd time proposing a 1 million (or more) Bond to Fremont voters. If it is voted down again there is concern of our future ability to raise funds to secure land. In 2004 and 2005 we only lost by 6 and 7 votes. A unanimous vote for a 1 Million Bond was the final outcome.

We will meet in January and February (twice each month) to plan for advertising and information to the residents for March 18, 2006 Town Meeting. The meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

Janice will ask Heidi Carlson to send her a copy of rules for necessary informational meetings for residents before Town Meeting.

Janice hopes to have Smith property appraisal amount for first January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with Merry Christmas greetings to all.

Submitted

Noreen Johnson
Secretary

